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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McNULTY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 9, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL R. McNULTY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
Lord God, by Your Spirit You move and act within Your people and make them one to praise You and give You glory.

Bless each Member of this 110th Congress today, their constituents in their individual districts and those who work in their district offices, for this House is a place of human diversity, Lord. Representing the people who elected them, Members give voice to local needs and sometimes find common concern echoed across this vast country.

Gathered here in public service, these women and men are easily drawn into broader problems facing the Nation and grow in awareness of international issues as well. In the midst of it all, Lord, never let them forget where they come from. Keep them humble before You, and by consistent listening to those they represent. May the prayers of their family and neighbors in their districts join with us today as we pray for them, calling upon Your holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SIREs led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 124. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-554, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, appoints the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

CONGRESS HAS THE POWER TO END THIS WAR

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Congress has the power to end the war in

Iraq simply by refusing to pass any legislation to continue to fund it. The money is in the pipeline there right now to bring the troops home.

H.R. 1234 provides a plan for bringing the troops home, ending the occupation and stabilizing Iraq. This war will never end if Congress advances administration plans to privatize Iraq's oil through insisting on the passage of a so-called hydrocarbon act by the Iraqi legislature.

Today I will be distributing to Members of Congress a detailed report that explains how the legislation that we are advancing moves to privatize Iraq's oil.

INTELLIGENCE FUNDING CUTS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in an environment of unlimited demands and limited resources, our constituents expect us to make tough choices and set national priorities with their hard-earned tax dollars. The Democrats' Intelligence Authorization bill that we will vote on this week fails to do this.

Consider the priorities it sets. This bill makes deep cuts in the resources requested by the administration for important intelligence-gathering operations. Meanwhile, it also calls for the Director of National Intelligence to submit a National Intelligence Estimate to Congress on global warming.

In a post-9/11 environment, should we really be steering our intelligence community away from intelligence gathering so that they can start studying global warming?

Experts from the right and the left say that our ability to prevent another attack on America relies heavily on our intelligence capabilities.

Mr. Speaker, let's fully fund our intelligence community and not distract

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